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**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON**

SARAH BONES, in her Personal Capacity,
and as Personal Representative of the Estate
of JOSHUA BONES, deceased; C.G., a
minor, by and through his Guardian, SARAH
BONES; and T.G., a minor, by and through
his Guardian, SARAH BONES

Plaintiffs,

vs.

H.I.G. CAPITAL, LLC; WELLPATH;
COUNTY OF CLALLAM, WASHINGTON,
a Political Subdivision of the State of
Washington; BILL BENEDICT; DON
WENTZEL; TYLER CORTANI; LETICIA
RUBALCAVA; KRISTIN MICHELLE
PUHL; ALICIA C. LONG; EDWARD S.
BERETTA; LINSEY JANE MONAGHAN;
TAMARA VANOVER; KATHERINE E.
JONES; and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

No.

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SUMMONS

TO: The Defendant(s) above-named.

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by Plaintiffs,
SARAH BONES, C.G., and T.G., by and through their counsel, Joseph Schodowski of

1 Schodowski Law, Inc., PS, and Ryan Dreveskracht of Galanda Broadman, PLLC. Plaintiff's
2 claim is stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this
3 Summons.

4 In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating
5 your defense in writing, and by serving a copy upon the person signing this Summons within
6 twenty (20) days, or if you are served outside the State of Washington or through the
7 Washington State Secretary of State, within sixty (60) days, after the service of this
8 Summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you
9 without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to what she asks for
10 because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned
11 person you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.
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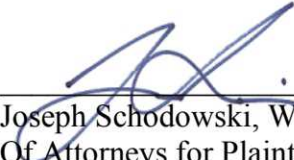
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14 You may demand that the Plaintiff file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the
15 demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this Summons.
16 Within fourteen (14) days after you serve the demand, the Plaintiff must file this lawsuit with
17 the court, or the service on you of this Summons and Complaint will be void.
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19 If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly
20 so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.


21 This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the
22 State of Washington.
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2 DATED this 8th day of January, 2024.

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Defendants.

No. 24-2-00009-16

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

COME NOW the above-named Plaintiffs, SARAH BONES, C.G., and T.G., by and
through their counsel, Joseph Schodowski of Schodowski Law, Inc., PS, and Ryan
Dreveskracht of Galanda Broadman, PLLC, and by way of claim allege upon personal

1 knowledge as to themselves and their own actions, an upon information and belief upon all
2 other matters, as follows:

3 **I. PARTIES**

4 **A. PLAINTIFFS**

5 1. JOSHUA R. BONES is an individual who was needlessly killed by Defendants'
6 acts and omissions. Plaintiff SARAH BONES is Joshua's wife. She brings these claims in her
7 personal capacity and as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Joshua R. Bones.

8 2. C.G. and T.G., minors, are the children of Sarah Bones and stepchildren of
9 Joshua Bones. All plaintiffs are residents of Clallam County, Washington, and at all material
10 times hereto, were residents of Clallam County, Washington.

11 **B. CLALLAM COUNTY DEFENDANTS**

12 3. Defendant CLALLAM COUNTY is a public entity, duly organized and
13 existing under the laws of the State of Washington. Under its authority, Defendant CALLAM
14 COUNTY operates and manages Clallam County Jail ("Jail"), and is, and was at all relevant
15 times mentioned herein, responsible for the actions and/or inactions and the policies,
16 procedures and practices/customs of the Clallam County Sheriff's Department, and its
17 respective employees, agents, and subcontractors. The Clallam County Sheriff's Department
18 operates the Jail and is and was responsible for ensuring the provision of emergency and basic
19 medical and mental health care services to all Jail inmates. Defendant CALLAM COUNTY
20 has authority to sue and be sued, to purchase and make contracts, to dispose of and resolve
21 legal actions and tort claims, to provide for jails and corrections, and to operate and/or be
22 responsible for Clallam County health facilities, such as its jails through contracts, joint
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1 ventures, or partnerships. The Clallam County Sheriff's Department is a governmental
2 department fully funded and overseen by Defendant CLALLAM COUNTY. As such,
3 Defendant CLALLAM COUNTY is responsible for all deputy training, discipline, hiring,
4 firing, maintaining deputy and staff records, and to taking corrective actions as it affects the
5 Clallam County Sheriff's Department and its jails, prisoners and pretrial detainees, and deputy
6 officers and staff.
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8 4. CLALLAM COUNTY entered into a contract with Defendant WELLPATH
9 (acquired by Defendant H.I.G.) to provide through its employees, agents, and representatives
10 medical, dental and mental health care to CLALLAM COUNTY jails. In this respect,
11 WELLPATH / H.I.G., through its executives, officers, leadership, employees, agents, and
12 representatives, provide a governmental function and stand in the same capacity as CLALLAM
13 COUNTY in carrying out their duties at the Jail. CLALLAM COUNTY, jointly with
14 WELLPATH / H.I.G., was and is responsible to develop joint policies and procedures affecting
15 the mentally ill in custody and to provide continuity of care from the time a detainee is booked
16 until they are released. CLALLAM COUNTY was and is responsible for overseeing that
17 WELLPATH / H.I.G. staff complies with their contractual medical responsibilities to
18 prisoner's mental health care.
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21 5. Defendant BILL BENEDICT is the Sheriff of Clallam County who supervised
22 the Jail at the time of Joshua's injuries. As the final policymaker, he was responsible for
23 ensuring the presence of and implementing of proper policies, procedures, and training.
24 Defendant Benedict was also responsible for the training, supervision, and discipline of Jail
25 employees and/or agents, including the individually named defendants and Does 1 through 10.
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1 6. Defendant DON WENTZEL is the chief corrections deputy who supervised the
2 Jail at the time of Joshua's injuries. He was delegated the authority of ensuring the presence
3 and implementing of proper policies, procedures, and training. Defendant Wentzel was also
4 responsible for the training, supervision, and discipline of Jail employees and/or agents,
5 including the individually named defendants and Does 1 through 10.
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7 7. Defendants BENEDICT and WENTZEL shall hereinafter be identified as
8 "Policymaking Defendants" collectively.

9 8. Defendants TYLER CORTANI; LETICIA RUBALCAVA; KRISTIN
10 MICHELLE PUHL; ALICIA C. LONG; EDWARD S. BERETTA; LINSEY JANE
11 MONAGHAN; TAMARA VANOVER; KATHERINE E. JONES ("Defendants" collectively)
12 are employees or subcontractors of Clallam County. These Defendants knew that Joshua was
13 (1) suicidal; (2) in the midst of a mental health crisis; and/or (3) was housed in unconstitutional
14 conditions of confinement. These Defendants were negligent; deliberately indifferent; and/or
15 acted in furtherance of an official and/or de facto policy or procedure of deliberate indifference.
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17 9. JOHN and JANE DOES No. 1-10 are subcontractors, employees, and /or agents
18 of Clallam County. These Defendants Doe knew that Joshua was (1) suicidal; (2) in the midst
19 of a mental health crisis; and/or (3) was housed in unconstitutional conditions of confinement.
20 These Defendants were negligent; deliberately indifferent; and/or acted in furtherance of an
21 official and/or de facto policy or procedure of deliberate indifference.
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23 **C. H.I.G.'S DEFENDANTS**
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25 10. Defendant WELLPATH arose from the ashes of private-equity-owned Correct
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Care Solutions (“CCS”).¹

11. As provided in a 2017 Leadership Newsletter of its investors:



12. CCS’ rise to infamy was described by radio station WBUR:

The juggernaut of the jail health care industry was started by . . . Jerry Boyle. . . . Boyle had seen how bad health care could be in jail. He started as a prison guard and rose through the ranks to superintendent of Bridgewater State Hospital in the late 1980s to early 1990s. . . . Boyle would parlay his 15 years of corrections experience into a second career in the private jail health care business — this time for profit. He first led a company called Prison Health Services, which had the Suffolk jail contract in the early 2000s and later became part of Corizon Health. Clients around the country followed him to his next company, Correct Care Solutions. Boyle attracted private equity backers, including Boston-based Audax Group, that saw prison medicine as ripe for cost savings and potential investment payoffs.²

13. Meanwhile, CCS continued to rack up an appalling body count. A June 2019 investigation by CNN reported that CCS had “been sued for more than 70 deaths” over the

¹ CCS was acquired by Audax Group, Frazier Healthcare Partners, and GTCR in 2017.

² <https://www.wbur.org/news/2020/03/24/jail-health-companies-profit-sheriffs-watch>

1 previous five years.³ Another 2019 investigation in The Atlantic revealed that CCS “had been
2 sued at least 1,395 times in federal courts over the past decade.”⁴

3 14. On October 1, 2018, Defendant H.I.G. CAPITAL, LLC (“H.I.G.”), a private
4 equity firm doing business in Washington State, announced the acquisition of CCS, creating a
5 partnership with management to be headquartered in Nashville Tennessee under the name
6 “Wellpath.” Defendant WELLPATH continued to be run by Boyle, and boasted expectations
7 to “generate about \$1.5 billion annually.”⁵

8 15. As late as May of 2019, Defendant WELLPATH referred to Boyle as a
9 “visionary” founder on its website, stating that the company had “adopted his management
10 philosophy as our company’s values.” In 2022, Boyle was sentenced to three years in prison
11 for conspiring to commit fraud by paying bribes to secure contracts.
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13 16. Boyle and WELLPATH’s “management philosophy” operated like this: Local,
14 state, and federal government bodies operate on a fixed budget each year. Contracted medical
15 providers providing fixed-price contracts allow governments to lock in pricing for the
16 provision of healthcare to inmates, which is preferable for budgetary purposes. And the
17 competitive bidding process awards the lowest bidder. Once awarded the contract, the provider
18 is entitled to keep all of the money it is awarded, regardless of services provided. Profit for
19 Defendants H.I.G. and WELLPATH is then achieved by providing less, or no care.
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³ <https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/06/us/jail-health-care-ccs-invs/>

25 ⁴ <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/09/private-equitys-grip-on-jail-health-care/597871/>

26 ⁵ [https://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/news/2018/11/07/one-of-nashvilles-largest-private-companies-](https://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/news/2018/11/07/one-of-nashvilles-largest-private-companies-merges.html)
27 [merges.html](https://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/news/2018/11/07/one-of-nashvilles-largest-private-companies-merges.html)

1 17. For example, Defendant WELLPATH has a policy and custom of not providing
2 care to inmates with rapidly approaching release dates because, according to WELLPATH's
3 former Director of Nursing, "[i]f they have a medical problem and are released, then the
4 financial responsibility falls on the shoulders of someone else."

5 18. To provide another example, Defendant WELLPATH also has a policy and
6 custom not attempting to diagnose and monitor life-threatening illnesses and chronic diseases,
7 denying urgent emergency room transfers, not treating serious psychiatric disorders, and
8 allowing common infections and conditions to become fatal.

9 19. In sum, as aptly expressed by a number of U.S. Senators in a recent letter to
10 Defendants HIG CAPITAL and WELLPATH: "[a] host of federal investigations, press reports,
11 and reports by incarcerated people have revealed apparent deficiencies in Wellpath's care."⁶
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13 20. H.I.G./WELLPATH and their employees, supervisors, directors, managers
14 have a unity of ownership and unity of purpose and interest that extends to all WELLPATH
15 providers of health care in all county jails where they does business. A bird's eye view of other
16 jurisdictions is demonstrative of their unconstitutional practices, customs, and policies in
17 Clallam County that resulted in Mr. Bones' death (described in detail below):
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19 a. In *Sauls v. Cnty. of Lasalle* it was sufficiently alleged that "Wellpath has
20 a 'custom or practice' of failing to adequately treat patients at risk of suicide" and that
21 this custom and practice caused the suicide death of an inmate. No. 22-255, 2023 WL
22 4864985 (N.D. Ill. July 31, 2023).
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⁶ <https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2023.12.18%20Wellpath%20letter1.pdf>

1 b. In *Moore v. Wellpath* it was sufficiently alleged that the overall “lack of
2 care leading to [an inmate]’s suicide was the result of multiple failures to act by
3 multiple individuals employed by Wellpath” and that “allegations of repeated
4 institutional failures states a plausible claim of deliberate indifference by Wellpath.”
5 No. 20-11154, 2023 WL 1111509 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 30, 2023).
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7 c. In *Norman v. Wellpath, LLC*, the court found that Wellpath employs a
8 policy that “fails to account for detainees with urgent medical needs,” which plausibly
9 resulted in an inmate’s death. No. 19-2095, 2022 WL 1516262 (D. Or. May 13, 2022).
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11 d. In *Seybold v. Tazewell Cnty.*, the plaintiff plausibly alleged “a policy of
12 not sending individuals . . . to the hospital and not appropriately assessing or providing
13 treatment for inmates who exhibited signs of bizarre behavior” due to “financial
14 incentives.” No. 20-1386, 2022 WL 68385 (C.D. Ill. Jan. 6, 2022).
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16 e. In *Miller v. Cnty. of Sutter* the plaintiffs asserted, for example, “that HIG
17 and Wellpath were aware their doctors and nurses were treating more and more
18 individuals with acute mental health diagnosis and substance use disorders”; that “more
19 than ninety people have died of suicide or a drug overdose while in the custody of a jail
20 served by Wellpath”; that “[g]rand juries in other counties have criticized Wellpath for
21 how it handles prisoner detoxification, have found the company’s procedures failed to
22 detect people at risk for alcohol withdrawal, and have concluded drug and alcohol
23 withdrawal played key roles in three deaths”; that “Wellpath has faced repeated
24 complaints of inadequate mental healthcare”; and that “mortality rates are fifty percent
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1 higher in jails managed by Wellpath than in other jails.” No. 22-577, 2020 WL 6392565
2 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2020).

3 21. At all material times, Defendant WELLPATH was and is owned and controlled
4 by H.I.G. Capital. Defendant WELLPATH acts on behalf of H.I.G. and was and is responsible
5 for the hiring, retaining, training, and supervising of the conduct, policies and practices of its
6 employees and agents of the WELLPATH, including DOES 11-20.
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8 22. WELLPATH executives, directors, supervisors and managers, physicians,
9 nurses, LPNs, and mental health providers act on behalf of H.I.G. and WELLPATH. H.I.G. is
10 the alter ego of WELLPATH, and/or alternatively WELLPATH acts on behalf of H.I.G., who
11 have control over it.
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13 23. H.I.G. accomplishes this *inter alia*, by placing its in-house professional and
14 expertise as board members of WELLPATH to ensure its control over WELLPATH. There is
15 unity of interest and ownership such that the separate personalities of H.I.G. and WELLPATH
16 no longer exist as WELLPATH and their employees and agents act with the consent,
17 management, approval, ratification and direction of H.I.G.
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19 24. H.I.G. places at least two Managing Directors and one Principal of its private
20 equity team as Board members, Chief Financial Officers, or other executive officers of
21 WELLPATH to ensure continuity of control and management over WELLPATH. These high-
22 ranking H.I.G. members include an H.I.G. Managing Director who serves as a Board Member,
23 an H.I.G. Principal who serves as a Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, and an H.I.G.
24 Managing Director who is intimately involved in the day-to-day management of WELLPATH.
25 H.I.G. employees are routinely appointed to WELLPATH’s Board of Directors to ensure
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1 financial control over its affairs. Additionally, they have knowledge of H.I.G.'s contractual
2 relationship with WELLPATH and how H.I.G. employees are appointed to WELLPATH's
3 board of directors and the duties of its board members.

4 25. Before acquiring WELLPATH, H.I.G. knew of the pervasive unconstitutional
5 conduct of the company. H.I.G. knew this and acquired this information through performing
6 due diligence analysis prior to acquiring WELLPATH. It made the decision that providing
7 mental health care in jails was a financially lucrative business to acquire, control and manage,
8 and has adjusted its private equity fund investments and operational structure to capitalize on
9 sick and mentally ill prisoners in jail systems across the Nation. H.I.G.'s use of WELLPATH
10 is but a mere shell, an instrumentality or conduit for the business of financially profiting from
11 providing mental/medical care to the mentally ill in jails through these shell companies.
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13 26. H.I.G. renamed CCS "WELLPATH" in October 2018, for the purpose of
14 carrying H.I.G.'s ownership and financial interests in providing jail mental and medical health
15 care and so H.I.G. controls the assets and financial gains while WELLPATH assumes the
16 liabilities. WELLPATH is H.I.G.'s 23rd control investment in healthcare since 2008 and is its
17 14th current platform in the sector. WELLPATH is estimated to generate \$1.5 billion for H.I.G.
18 annually.
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20 27. On October 1, 2018, H.I.G. publicly announced that "[o]ver the years, as the
21 country's health care system has changed; we have seen more and more individuals with acute
22 mental health diagnosis and substance use disorders being treated by our doctors, nurses and
23 clinicians in correctional settings."
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1 28. H.I.G. knew that behavioral and mental healthcare, in particular, located in state
2 and federal correctional facilities or civil commitment centers have become repositories
3 particularly for the vulnerable mentally ill population growing across the United States and
4 they decided to capitalize on this vulnerable population. H.I.G. uses the corporate entity as a
5 shield against personal liability and harm caused to the mentally ill in jails.
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7 29. Recognition of H.I.G. as a separate corporate entity would promote injustice
8 and defeat the rights and equities of persons such as Mr. Bones and Plaintiffs; it would enable
9 and facilitate continued WELLPATH and H.I.G. unconstitutional conduct, practices, customs
10 and policies, actions and inactions that harm this particularly vulnerable jail population and
11 discourage abatement of these unconstitutional actions and inactions.
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13 30. Medical care providers, employees and agents (such as H.I.G. and the
14 companies it owns and controls/WELLPATH), employed by a government entity are state
15 actors for 42 U.S.C. § 1983 purposes acting under color of law when providing and delivering
16 medical services to prisoners and/or implementing policies and practices regarding provision
17 of medical care that directly affect the day-to-day delivery of health care to prisoners and
18 pretrial detainees. At all material times, each of H.I.G./WELLPATH supervisors, managers, or
19 executives were responsible for the hiring, retaining, training, and supervising of the conduct,
20 customs, policies and practices of its member employees and agents of H.I.G./WELLPATH.
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22 31. Defendant WELLPATH (owned by H.I.G.), on information and belief with
23 approval of H.I.G., entered into a contract with CLALLAM COUNTY to provide for medical
24 and mental health services of those incarcerated and detained Clallam County Jail.
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1 32. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants WELLPATH, WELLPATH EMPLOYEES,
2 and DOES 11-20, were and are acting on behalf of Defendant H.I.G. and were and are agents
3 of H.I.G. and therefore H.I.G. is responsible for their conduct as described in this Complaint.
4 On information and belief, H.I.G. gave Wellpath Defendants authority to act on its behalf and
5 thus WELLPATH, WELLPATH EMPLOYEES, and DOES 11-20 were and are H.I.G.'s
6 agents. Each defendant was, and is, the agent of the other and at all relevant times was acting
7 as the agent and on behalf of the other.
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9 33. H.I.G. exercises sufficient control over WELLPATH's activities such that
10 WELLPATH is a mere agent or instrumentality of H.I.G.
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12 34. H.I.G. places its senior partner and/or members on the boards or managing
13 bodies of WELLPATH in order to maintain a high degree of day-to-day control over
14 WELLPATH's activities.

15 35. H.I.G. acts through its employees, agents, directors, officers and is responsible
16 for the acts of its employees, agents, directors, and officers performed within the scope of such
17 agency. WELLPATH, WELLPATH EMPLOYEES, and DOES 11-20, were and are acting on
18 behalf of Defendant H.I.G. and were and are agents of H.I.G. and therefore H.I.G. is
19 responsible for their conduct as described in this complaint. For instance, WELLPATH's
20 Secretary and Chief Financial Officer—a Principal of H.I.G.—is responsible for the financial
21 affairs of WELLPATH. His duties involve tracking cash flow and financial planning as well
22 as analyzing the WELLPATH'S financial strengths and weaknesses and proposing corrective
23 actions. As Secretary, he is in charge of all the records and documentation for WELLPATH.
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1 36. H.I.G. has seats on the board of WELLPATH and controls, manages, and
2 approves major policy decisions of WELLPATH.

3 37. When WELLPATH was created by merging CCS and CMGC, Rob Wolfson,
4 an H.I.G. Executive Managing Director, announced in a press release: “We are proud of what
5 we have accomplished since partnering with CMGC in 2012, and are very excited to bring
6 these two leading companies together.”
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8 38. WELLPATH undertakes its provision of jail medical and mental health services
9 with the understanding that H.I.G. is the principal in control of those activities, H.I.G. has
10 authorized and in fact encouraged WELLPATH to conduct those activities in a manner that
11 contains costs and jeopardizes the lives of individuals who have mental illnesses, and H.I.G.
12 has or should have knowledge of all material facts about WELLPATH’s actions.
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14 39. H.I.G. ratifies the conduct of WELLPATH by knowingly accepting the risks of
15 jail medical services and mental health services. Despite knowledge of the unconstitutional
16 actions and inactions causing harm to Washington’s sick and mentally ill incarcerated and/or
17 pretrial detainee vulnerable residents, WELLPATH is H.I.G.’s 23rd control investment in
18 healthcare since 2008 and is its 14th current platform in the sector.
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20 40. Defendants JOHN DOES 11-20 are subcontractors, employees, and /or agents
21 of WELLPATH. These Defendants Doe knew that Joshua was (1) suicidal; (2) in the midst of
22 a mental health crisis; and/or (3) was housed in unconstitutional conditions of confinement.
23 These Defendants were negligent; deliberately indifferent; and/or acted in furtherance of an
24 official and/or de facto policy or procedure of deliberate indifference.
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26 41. Defendant H.I.G. is a Florida incorporated entity.
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II. JURISDICTION & VENUE

42. The cause of action arose in the County of Clallam, State of Washington.

43. The alleged facts, negligent acts in part, and damages alleged occurred in the County of Clallam, State of Washington.

44. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action. Venue is proper within Jefferson County Superior Court as the cause of action arose in the nearest judicial district of the County of Clallam, State of Washington, pursuant to RCW 36.01.050.

III. FACTS

45. Neither jails nor their employees or subcontractors are allowed to gamble needlessly with the safety of inmates. If they do, and an inmate is injured or dies, the inmate and/or his or her family are entitled to full compensation for the harms and losses caused. Here, because defendants violated this safety rule in numerous instances, and Joshua died as a result, Plaintiffs are entitled to be compensated for the harms and losses that the Defendants have caused.

46. Joshua was a physically healthy 38-year-old male when his life was cut short while in the care and custody of the County.

47. Joshua was highly decorated combat veteran who was diagnosed and known by numerous Defendants—identified in more detail below—to have serious mental health conditions and a heightened risk of suicide from the time he was incarcerated until his death.

48. On July 20, 2022, officers responded to the Bones' residence after SARAH BONES reported that Joshua was refusing to leave and had armed himself with a firearm.

1 49. When officers arrived, Sarah informed them that she had asked him to leave the
2 previous day due to his increasingly bizarre behavior. Joshua refused and informed her that if
3 she wanted him gone, she would need to call the cops.

4 50. Based on Sarah's reports, Officers applied an Extreme Risk Protection Order
5 ("ERPO"), pursuant to RCW 7.105.215, to seize any firearms or dangerous weapons from
6 Joshua's possession. According to the ERPO Petition:

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8 (CCSO CFS# 2022-13103) On 7/19/2022 Joshua Pozgay went to his estranged wife
9 Sara Bones' residence at 52 Soaring Hawk Ln west of Sequim in Clallam County where
10 Sarah resides with her two teenaged sons. Joshua told Sarah he was not leaving and
11 she would have to call the cops. Joshua stayed the night and on the morning of
12 7/20/2022 Joshua asked Sarah if she had called the cops on him yet. Sarah did not want
13 to call the cops. Sarah noticed Joshua had his 9mm pistol out and on the table next to
14 him. Sarah put her two teenaged sons on the bus to stay at her sisters in Port Angeles
15 then returned home. Joshua was still there, sitting on the couch with the gun still out on
16 the table. Joshua told Sarah if she did not call the cops he was going to shoot her music
17 box. Sarah left the residence and called 911. Joshua and Sarah are separated but not
18 divorced. Joshua had been living at the home with Sarah until she asked him to leave in
19 early June 2022. Sarah is concerned that Joshua is planning Suicide by Cop. Sarah
20 said Joshua made a pact that he would never commit suicide however he recently told
21 Sarah he wished he had never made that promise and had asked Sarah to do it for him.
22 Sarah also told that in June (unsure of date) Joshua had come over and he had been
23 stabbed. Joshua did not report it and told Sarah he was drunk and had been messing
24 around with friends and got stabbed. Sarah convinced Joshua to seek medical attention
25 which he did two days later at OMC where he had to have surgery.

26 51. The following day, July 21, 2022, two officers arrived at the Bones' residence
27 and attempted to serve the ERPO, which was granted, and arrested him on an outstanding
bench warrant. They contacted Joshua and spoke to him for over two hours, attempting to gain
his cooperation and take him into custody on the warrant.

 52. Eventually Joshua became angry and told officers that he was not going to jail,
punched the table, stood up, and stated "Okay, I'm just going to do it!" He then turned his back
to officers, reached for a handgun in his waistband, and cocked it. However, before Joshua was

1 able to commit suicide, Sargent Minks of the Clallam County Sheriff's Department deployed
2 his taser, striking Joshua, who was eventually taken into custody.

3 53. Joshua was subsequently transported and booked into the Clallam County Jail
4 at 3:00 PM on July 21, 2022. As part of the administrative booking process, DEFENDANT
5 CORTANI conducted an initial classification of Joshua, and an Inmate Daily Multi-Purpose
6 Log ("IDMPL") was created for Joshua.
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8 54. The IDMPL correctly indicated that Joshua "ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
9 DURING ARREST":

CLALLAM COUNTY JAIL		INMATE DAILY MULTI-PURPOSE LOG	
TYPE OF INITIAL PLACEMENT	STAFF AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT ON RESTRICTION		
<input type="checkbox"/> Segregation Status <input type="checkbox"/> Security Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctions/Lockdown <input type="checkbox"/> Medical /Sobering Cell Watch <input type="checkbox"/> Safety /Mental Health Watch	Name: T.CORTANI Title: Date: 7/21/2022 Time: 1500		
Inmate Name POZGAY, JOSHUA (AKA Bones)		Master ID 91017	Housing Assignment Y-6 B 221
Purpose (short narrative on purpose of restrictions) ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DURING ARREST			
Boxes CHECKED below indicate what items or activities the inmate is PERMITTED . If there is no check mark in the box do not provide the item or activity.			
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 Min Watch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 Min Watch <input type="checkbox"/> 60 Min Watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shower <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Food Tray <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Plate No Spoon <input type="checkbox"/> Sack Meal <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Smock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bedding <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Blanket	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious Book <input type="checkbox"/> Books/Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Pen/Paper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Two Deputy Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Lockdown
Other:			
Mental Health Signature		Medical Signature	Supervisor/Sergeant Signature

1 55. Although “**ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DURING ARREST**” was clearly
2 indicated on the IDMPL, little, if any restrictions were placed on Joshua’s activities or the jail-
3 issued items he was given. Joshua was not provided a suicide blanket and a suicide smock.
4 Instead, he was given access to regular bedding and clothing. Moreover, he was permitted to
5 move throughout the Jail normally and was not placed on “Safety/Mental Watch,” as
6 DEFENDANT CORTANI failed to check any of the five boxes designating Joshua’s
7 placement. Finally, the IDMPL was never reviewed by either a Mental Health Professional or
8 a Supervisor.
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10 56. Had DEFENDANT CORTANI taken appropriate measures or exercised any
11 professional judgment at all, Joshua would have been kept safe and alive. In other words,
12 DEFENDANT CORTANI’S acts or omissions set in place a series of events that put Joshua at
13 an increased risk of harm that would have not existed had DEFENDANT CORTANI taken the
14 appropriate measure and/or exercised professional judgment.
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16 57. On August 10, 2022, Joshua was diagnosed with a “severe” Substance Use
17 Disorder (“SUD”), by DEFENDANT RUBALCAVA, an employee of Defendant
18 WELLPATH and a Substance Use Disorder Professional (“SUDP”) and Jail subcontractor.
19 DEFENDANT RUBALCAVA noted that Josh was taking Prozac at the time of the evaluation
20 and he had the pre-existing mental health diagnoses of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
21 (“PTSD”), Paranoia, and Traumatic Brain Injury. Joshua’s medical records also indicate the
22 diagnoses of Major Depressive Disorder, and Anxiety Disorder.
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24 58. DEFENDANT RUBALCAVA also noted that Joshua answered “yes” to the
25 following questions: 1.) Do you or have you had thoughts of hurting yourself? ; 2.) Have you
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1 had thoughts that you would be better off dead?; and 3.) *if yes* Are you having those thoughts
2 today?” Despite this information and all of the evidence to the contrary, DEFENDANT
3 RUBALCAVA concluded that Joshua only had “mild” emotional, behavioral, or cognitive
4 conditions. Joshua’s increased suicide risk and serious mental illnesses were untreated for the
5 next four months. Had DEFENDANT RUBALCAVA taken the clinically appropriate
6 measures or exercised any professional judgment at all, Joshua would have been kept safe and
7 alive. In other words, DEFENDANT RUBALCAVA acts or omissions set in place a series of
8 events that put Joshua at an increased risk of harm that would have not existed had
9 DEFENDANT RUBALCAVA taken the clinically appropriate measure and/or exercised
10 professional judgment.
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13 59. On August 1, 2022, Joshua was prescribed Prozac by DEFENDANT PUHL
14 after reporting that he was “having intrusive thoughts of self-hatred.”

15 60. Five weeks later, on September 7, 2023, Joshua was seen by DEFENDANT
16 BERRETTA for a follow up appointment. Josh reported “ill effects of SSRIs.” DEFENDANT
17 BERRETTA recommend Joshua try something new in three weeks and in the meantime, he
18 advised Joshua to begin tapering off the Prozac.
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20 61. Six days later, on September 13, 2022, Joshua was seen by DEFENDANT
21 MONAHAN and reported suffering from “dizziness, weird sensation of head ‘waving,’ and
22 feeling grounded in his body since starting setraline [Prozac].” DEFENDANT MONAHAN
23 recommended Joshua discontinue Prozac altogether, immediately start Escitalopram
24 [Lexapro], and follow-up with medical staff in four weeks.
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1 62. A week later, on September 20, 2022, Joshua was again seen by DEFENDANT
2 MONAHAN for a mental health follow-up and reported the same issues with SSRIs. He also
3 disclosed a “40%” PTSD disability from the VA, as well as the fact that he was “the only
4 member of [my] unit from Iraq that hasn’t committed suicide.”

5 63. On October 31, 2022, Joshua was seen by DEFENDANT LONG, an employee
6 of DEFENDANT WELLPATH, and “requested to have all medications discontinued.”
7 DEFENDANT LONG advised him against this, provided him with “medication education,”
8 and encouraged him to follow-up with DEFENDANT VANOVER.

9 64. Later that day, Joshua met with DEFENDANT VANOVER and reaffirmed that
10 “he would like to discontinue medication as it makes him ‘dopey.’” DEFENDANT
11 VANOVER “encouraged him to discuss medication regimen with [a] doctor as [it] appears to
12 be helping treat his anxiety/depression.”

13 65. On November 4, 2022, Josh was seen by DEFENDANT JONES for a follow-
14 up appointment and reported feeling “great.” Nevertheless, DEFENDANT JONES encouraged
15 him “to report any change in mental state to RNs/staff for support.” At the very least, this
16 suggests that Defendant Jones knew of the risks associated discontinuing SSRIs and rather than
17 notifying Jail staff, she instead just sent him back to “C tank.”

18 66. Despite the well-known risks that suddenly discontinuing SSRIs can cause
19 increased risk of relapse, a worsening of symptoms, and an increased suicide risk,
20 DEFENDANTS PUHL; BERRETTA; MONAHAN; LONG; VANOVER; and JONES all
21 failed to take the clinically appropriate measures or exercise any professional judgment at all.
22 Had they done so, Joshua would have been kept safe and alive. In other words, DEFENDANTS
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1 PUHL; BERRETTA; MONAHAN; LONG; VANOVER; and LONG individual and/or
2 combined acts or omissions set in place a series of events that put Joshua at an increased risk
3 of harm that would have not existed had DEFENDANTS PUHL; BERRETTA; MONAHAN;
4 LONG; VANOVER; and LONG taken the clinically appropriate measure and/or exercised
5 professional judgment.
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7 67. Corrections officials fail to provide for the reasonable safety of inmates when
8 they ignore a strong likelihood that a condition of confinement will contribute substantially to
9 serious injury Here, Defendants failed to eliminate from its jail cells a convenient and inviting
10 tool for committing suicide, an easily accessible tie-off point between the windows and their
11 frames:
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21 It is well known and understood by reasonably prudent jail administrators and operators that
22 because most inmates commit suicide by hanging using bedding, shoelaces, or clothing
23 correctional facilities should create a suicide-safe environment, which is a cell or dormitory
24 that has eliminated or minimized hanging points and unsupervised access to lethal materials
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1 for inmates at an increased risk of suicide. These tie-off points presented an open initiation to
2 at-risk inmates akin to pouring gasoline on a fire.

3 68. In sum, it was well known by 2022 that Joshua was at a heightened risk of
4 suicide because he had previous “suicide attempts” and “suicidal ideations,” was seriously
5 mentally ill, and was discontinuing SSRIs—and that his increased risk would persist
6 indefinitely without treatment. It was also well known that the cell that Joshua was finally
7 housed in was equipped with features that were substantially likely to be used to commit
8 suicide.
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10 69. Joshua spent a total of 156 days (5 months) languishing in pre-trial detention—
11 anxiously awaiting a resolution to his criminal case. This no doubt led to feelings of
12 hopelessness which were only compounded by several unsuccessful attempts by his public
13 defender to secure a furlough to in-patient treatment; the last unsuccessful attempt occurred on
14 October 11, 2022. Twenty days later, Joshua suddenly stopped taking SSRIs altogether, and
15 was not provided increased medical or mental health monitoring.
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17 70. Many of the people who spend time in custody will require mental health care
18 and treatment, including suicide prevention services. Because they are incarcerated, and not
19 free to leave the facility to obtain such care on their own, those who operate corrections
20 facilities have an obligation to provide any and all reasonably necessary medical and
21 psychiatric care and treatment, and to keep those in their care and protection safe from harm,
22 including self-inflicted harm.
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24 71. This obligation is known and understood by reasonably prudent jail
25 administrators and operators. In Washington, it is known and understood by reasonably
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1 prudent jail administrators and operators that the quality of medical care and protection must
2 be the same as what would be provided in the outside community.

3 25. Defendants had knowledge of, yet failed to address or treat, (1) Joshua's serious
4 mental health condition, and (2) Joshua's heightened suicide risk.

5 26. Defendants failed to properly screen Josh at the time of his intake, and they
6 failed to conduct regular screening throughout his incarceration, or during the critical periods
7 identified by the World Health Organization.
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9 27. Although suicide is a known problem amongst jail and prison inmates, Defendants
10 failed to have or follow proper policies for suicide screening and prevention.

11 28. Joshua's death was completely unnecessary and could have been easily
12 prevented *via* provision of even the most basic medical care and treatment.
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14 29. In addition, policymaking Defendants have maintained policies, customs, and
15 procedures that were unconstitutional and fell far below the quality of care known and
16 understood by reasonable and prudent jail administrators and operators in the Defendants have,
17 for example:
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- 19 a. failure to adequately train officers and employees in suicide prevention;
- 20 b. failure to train officers and employees in suicide prevention policies and
- 21 procedures;
- 22 c. failure to train officers and employees to properly monitor and to protect inmates;
- 23 d. failure to train officers and employees to properly identify and monitor at-risk
- 24 inmates;
- 25 e. failure to train officers and employees to detect dangerous items on inmates' person
- 26 and in cells;
- 27 f. failure to train officers and employees in in-take procedure;

- g. failure to enforce policies and procedures for suicide prevention, including but not limited to, policies and procedures for inmate in-take, confiscation of dangerous items from inmates, and monitoring of inmates.
- h. caused, permitted, and allowed a custom and practice of continued and persistent deviations from policies and procedures;
- i. maintained inadequate suicide prevention policies and procedures which, failed to identify and/or monitor at risk detainees;
- j. maintained inadequate in-take policies and procedures, which failed to identify at-risk detainees, permitted dangerous items to remain with detainees, and failed to identify and monitor prescription medication;
- k. maintained inadequate monitoring system of inmates;
- l. maintained a policy of placing inmates into a remote cell without adequate review by mental health provider prior to such placement;
- m. *failed to create systems of information sharing, communication, and clearly delineated roles and lines of authority;*
- n. failed to provide sufficient resources to provide for the necessary medical care for mentally ill inmates;
- o. maintained a policy of ignoring inmate requests for mental health care, medication, and help with depression and self-harm;
- p. maintained a policy of using cursory mental health and suicide screening that essentially amounted to no screening at all for incoming inmates;
- q. maintained a policy of not regularly monitoring inmates;
- r. maintained a policy of ignoring and refusing to implement relatively inexpensive suicide prevention measures;
- s. maintained a policy of underfunding that resulted in understaffing, and inability to implement additional suicide precautions, and undertraining;
- t. failed to adequately staff the jail facility; and
- u. maintained a policy of knowingly furnishing detainees with items that are substantially likely to be used to commit suicide.

1 All of which amounts to negligence and deliberate indifference to the known and/or obvious
2 risk of suicide and serious medical and safety needs of at-risk detainees, including Joshua.

3 30. Rather than being forced to endure another hopeless day in pre-trial detention,
4 Joshua took his own life.

5 31. DEFENDANTS WATERHOUSE; MORGAN; DAHL; CAMERON;
6 ANDREWS; MCCANN; LIM; ROMAN; CLERICI; BROOKS; HEINER; WOOLMAN;
7 COOPER; ALEXANDER; HUNTINGTON; SCHULTZ; ARAND; BRAY; JANISSE;
8 MORGAN; PENCE; RAEMER; WESSEL; NEWHOUSE; MONTEZ; MILDON; GRALL;
9 MARTIN; CORTANI; PENCE; WALKUP; CLARK; COOPER; BERNSTEN; PRICE; and
10 WAKNITZ allowed this to happen by failing to render aid to Joshua and/or negligently
11 rendering aid to Joshua.
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13 32. Jail employees deliberately did not follow official policies and standards, which
14 evidences their deliberate indifference and negligence. *See Salter v. Booker*, No. 12-0285, 2016
15 WL 3645196, at *12 (D.D. Ala. June 29, 2016) (“Defendants acted with deliberate indifference
16 when they failed to enforce or follow the written jail policies and procedures put in place to
17 protect suicidal prisoners.”).
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19 33. In addition, Policymaking DEFENDANTS were deliberately indifferent and
20 negligent in their failure to implement these and other standards and policies and/or train,
21 supervise, fund, staff, and/or control Jail employees in this regard.
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23 34. DEFENDANTS are not even trying; they have been negligent, grossly
24 negligent, and have showed deliberate indifference to medical and safety needs of inmates at
25 the Clallam County Jail. It also includes a cold-hearted attitude on the part of staff, who ignore
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1 safety harms as they present and who turn a blind eye and deaf ear to people who have serious
2 mental health and safety needs.

3 35. Although suicide is a known problem amongst jail and prison inmates,
4 Defendants failed to have or follow proper policies for suicide screening and prevention.

5 36. Each and every individually named DEFENDANT had knowledge that a
6 substantial risk of serious harm existed as to Joshua's suicidality. And, Policymaking
7 DEFENDANTS had knowledge that their policies, customs, and/or protocols created a
8 substantial risk of serious harm as to Joshua's suicidality. But even if these DEFENDANTS
9 did not have knowledge of the risk of harm as to the risk created by their policies, customs,
10 and/or protocols – and lack thereof/lack of training thereon/lack of funding to implement – was
11 obvious in light of reason and the basic general knowledge that Policymaking DEFENDANTS
12 are presumed to have obtained regarding the type of deprivation involved.
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15 37. The claims of PLAINTIFFS herein, and the related injuries and damages, were
16 the proximate result of the acts and omissions caused by DEFENDANTS through their
17 policies, practices, customs – including but not limited to: inadequate staffing; training;
18 preparation; procedures; supervision; and discipline.
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20 38. The aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants deprived Joshua of his right to
21 be free from punishment and to due process of the law as guaranteed by the Fourteenth
22 Amendment of the United States Constitution; directly caused and/or directly contributed to
23 his pain, suffering, and a general decline of his quality of life; directly caused and/or directly
24 contributed to cause his death; directly caused and/or directly contributed to caused his family
25 to suffer loss of services, companionship, comfort, instruction, guidance, counsel, training, and
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1 support; and directly caused and/or directly contributed to cause his family to suffer pecuniary
2 losses, including but not limited to medical and funeral expenses.

3 39. Prior to death, Joshua suffered extreme physical and mental pain, terror,
4 anxiety, suffering, and emotional distress.

5 40. Joshua's death was completely unnecessary and could have been easily
6 prevented.
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8 **IV. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION – NEGLIGENCE**

9 41. DEFENDANTS had a duty to care of inmates and provide reasonable safety
10 and medical and psychiatric care. This duty was nondelegable.
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12 42. This duty extends to foreseeable self-inflicted harms and includes protecting inmates
13 against suicide.

14 43. This duty exists because prisoners, by virtue of incarceration, are unable to obtain
15 medical and psychiatric care and police protection for themselves.
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17 44. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they failed to have and
18 follow proper training, policies, and procedures on the assessment of persons with apparent medical
19 and psychiatric needs.

20 45. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they failed to adequately
21 treat Joshua's medical and psychiatric needs.
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23 46. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they failed to have and
24 follow proper training, policies, and procedures on the provision of reasonable and necessary medical
25 and psychiatric care and treatment to inmates.
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1 47. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they failed to ensure that
2 Joshua was properly supervised and/or that cell checks were conducted in a safe and consistent
3 manner.

4 48. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they failed to ensure that
5 Joshua received adequate medication.

6 49. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they ignored Joshua's
7 serious mental health condition and suicidality.

8 50. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they failed to properly
9 assess and treat Joshua prior to his death.

10 51. DEFENDANTS breached this duty, and were negligent, when they furnished Joshua
11 with items that are substantially likely to be used to commit suicide (accessible tie-off point in the
12 window frame and bedding that could easily be transformed into a noose).

13 52. As a direct and proximate result of the breaches, failures, and negligence of
14 DEFENDANTS, as described above and in other respects as well, Joshua was allowed to take his own
15 life. He also suffered unimaginable pre-death suffering and despair.

16 53. As a direct and proximate result of the breaches, failures, and negligence of
17 DEFENDANTS as described above and in other respects as well, PLAINTIFFS have incurred and
18 will continue to incur general and special damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

19 54. When a special relationship forms between jailor and inmate, sparking a duty for the
20 jailor to protect the inmate from self-inflicted harm, physical harm, and safety from other inmates, the
21 defenses of assumption of risk and contributory negligence are inappropriate.

V. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION –42 U.S.C. § 1983

55. The acts and failure to act described above were done under color of law and are in violation of 42 U.S. C. § 1983, depriving PLAINTIFF SARAH BONES; JOSHUA BONES; C.G.; and T.G. of their constitutionally protected rights.

56. At the time of Joshua's death, it was clearly established in the law the Eighth Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment imposes a duty on prison officials to provide humane conditions of confinement, including adequate medical and mental health care, and to take reasonable measures to guarantee the safety of the inmates. The Fourteenth Amendment extends at least as much protection to pretrial detainees like Joshua. "[W]hile the convicted prisoner is entitled to protection only against punishment that is 'cruel and unusual,' the pretrial detainee, who has yet to be adjudicated guilty of any crime, may not be subjected to any form of 'punishment.' " *Martin v. Gentile*, 849 F.2d 863, 870 (4th Cir.1988) Pretrial detainees have a clearly established right to "medical attention, and prison officials violate detainees' rights to due process when they are deliberately indifferent to serious medical needs." *Gordon v. Kidd*, 971 F.2d 1087, 1094 (4th Cir.1992).

57. Having untreated or inadequately treated mental illness and suicidality is not part of the penalty that criminal offenders pay for their offenses against society. As a result, jail officials are liable if they know that an inmate or inmates face a substantial risk of serious harm and disregard that risk by failing to take reasonable measures to abate it.

58. Here, individually named DEFENDANTS knew that Joshua faced a substantial risk of suicide, yet disregarded that risk by failing to take reasonable measures to abate it.

1 59. Here, individually named DEFENDANTS knew that Joshua was facing serious
2 mental illness, yet disregarded that risk by failing to take reasonable measures to abate it.

3 60. Here, Policymaking individually named DEFENDANTS knew of and
4 disregarded the excessive risk to inmate health and safety caused by Clallam County's informal
5 policies.
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7 61. Policymaking individually named DEFENDANTS were responsible for a
8 policy, practice, or custom of maintaining a longstanding constitutionally deficient safety and
9 medical and mental health care, and training thereon, which placed inmates like Joshua at
10 substantial risk.

11 62. There was little to no supervision of Joshua and inmates like him, because
12 Policymaking individually named DEFENDANTS maintained a known policy and custom of
13 understaffing and overcrowding.
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15 63. Policymaking individually named DEFENDANTS' lack of clear delineation of
16 authority and inadequate means of communication with respect to assessing risks of suicide
17 was an additional policy that caused the individual defendants' failure to prevent Joshua's pain,
18 suffering, and death. In essence, there is a "who's on first" problem at Clallam County Jail
19 where the differing facilities and personnel employed therein have policies of non-
20 communication to one another or amongst themselves in regard to inmate suicidality and
21 safety.
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23 64. Individually named DEFENDANTS were subjectively aware that Joshua was
24 suffering from mental illness and was suicidal. From this evidence, a reasonable jailer and/or
25 healthcare provider would have been compelled to infer that a substantial risk of serious harm
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1 existed. Indeed, individually named DEFENDANTS did infer that a substantial risk of serious
2 harm existed, but failed to take any steps to alleviate this risk. And Joshua died as a result.

3 65. As a direct and proximate result of the deliberate indifference of
4 DEFENDANTS, as described above and in other respects as well, Joshua died a terrible and
5 easily preventable death. He suffered pre-death pain, anxiety, and despair, before being
6 asphyxiated and leaving behind a loving family.
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8 66. As a direct and proximate result of the deliberate indifference of
9 DEFENDANTS, PLAINTIFF SARAH BONES has suffered the loss of her husband, and
10 PLAINTIFFS C.G., and T.G. have suffered the loss of the only father they knew, in violation
11 of their Fourteenth Amendment rights. PLAINTIFFS have suffered and continue to suffer
12 extreme grief and harm due to mental and emotional distress as a result of Joshua's wrongful
13 death.
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15 67. Individually named DEFENDANTS have shown reckless and careless
16 disregard and indifference to inmates' rights and safety, and are therefore subject to an award
17 of punitive damages to deter such conduct in the future.
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19 **VI. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – 42 U.S.C. § 1983**
20 Unconstitutional Policy, Custom, or Procedure (*Monell*)
By Plaintiff Against Defendant County

21 68. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs, as though fully set forth herein.

22 69. This cause of action arises under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, wherein Plaintiffs seek to
23 redress a deprivation under color of law of a right, privilege, or immunity secured to them by
24 the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
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1 70. Municipal liability can attach under *Monell v. Department of Social Services*,
2 436 U.S. 658 (1978), for even a single decision made by a final policymaker in certain
3 circumstances, regardless of whether or not the action is taken once or repeatedly. See *Pembaur*
4 *v. City of Cincinnati*, 475 U.S. 469, 481, 106 S. Ct. 1292, 89 L. Ed. 2d 452 (1986). If an
5 authorized policymaker approves a subordinate's decision and the basis for it, such ratification
6 would be chargeable to the municipality under *Monell*. See *City of St. Louis v. Praprotnik*, 485
7 U.S. 112, 127 (1988).

9 71. Defendant County violated Joshua's constitutional rights, as alleged *supra*, by
10 creating and maintaining the following unconstitutional customs and practices, described
11 above.

13 **VI. JURY DEMAND**

14 72. Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury.

16 **VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

17 73. Damages have been suffered by PLAINTIFFS and to the extent any state law
18 limitations on such damages are purposed to exist, they are inconsistent with the compensatory,
19 remedial and/or punitive purposes of 42 U.S. C. § 1983, and therefore any such alleged state law
20 limitations must be disregarded in favor of permitting an award of the damages prayed for herein.

21 74. WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS pray for damages against all DEFENDANTS, as
22 follows:

23 (a) Fashioning an appropriate remedy and awarding general, special, and punitive
24 damages, including damages for pain, suffering, terror, loss of consortium, and loss of familial
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1 relations, and loss of society and companionship under Washington State law and pursuant to
2 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 1988, in an amount to be proven at trial;

3 (b) Awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, or as
4 otherwise available under the law;

5 (c) Declaring the defendants jointly and severally liable;

6 (d) Awarding any an all applicable interest on the judgment; and

7 (e) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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10 DATED this 8th day of January, 2024.
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Hearing Date:

vs.

H.I.G CAPITAL LLC, ET AL

Defendant/Respondent

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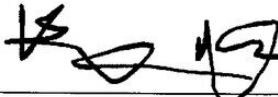
On the **9th day of January, 2024** at **1:58 PM** at the address of **711 CAPITOL WAY S STE 204, Olympia, Thurston County, WA 98501-1267**; this declarant served the above described documents upon **HIG Capital Management Company** by then and there personally delivering **1** true and correct copy(ies) thereof, by then presenting to and leaving the same with **Jeff Miner**, I delivered the documents to **Jeff Miner who identified themselves as the person authorized to accept with identity confirmed by physical description. The individual accepted service with direct delivery. The individual appeared to be a brown-haired white male contact 35-45 years of age, 6'2"-6'6" tall and weighing 200-240 lbs with a beard..**

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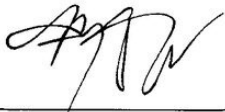
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

SARAH BONES, in her Personal Capacity,
and as Personal Representative of the Estate of
JOSHUA BONES, deceased, C.G., a minor, by
and through his Guardian, SARAH BONES,
and T.G., a minor, by and through his
Guardian, SARAH BONES,

NO. 24-2-00009-16

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Plaintiffs,

vs.

H.I.G. CAPITAL, LLC; WELLPATH;
COUNTY OF CLALLAM, WASHINGTON,
a Political Subdivision of the State of
Washington; BILL BENEDICT; DON
WENZL; TYLER CORTANI; LETICIA
RUBALCAVA; KRISTIN MICHELLE
PUHL; ALICIA C. LONG; EDWARD S.
BERETTA; LINSAY JANE MONAGHAN;
TAMARA VANOVER; KATHERINE E.
JONES; and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

TO: Plaintiffs;

TO: Plaintiff's Attorneys

AND TO: THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John E. Justice, of Law, Lyman, Daniel, Kamerrer &
Bogdanovich, P.S. hereby makes his appearance for and on behalf of defendants County Of Clallam, Bill

1 Benedict, Don Wenzl, Tyler Cortani; Kristin Michelle Puhl; Edward S. Beretta; Lindsay Jane Monaghan;
2 and Tamara Vanover; and requests that all further notices and pleadings, except original process, be served
3 upon said defendants and its attorneys at the address stated below.
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5 DATED this 16th day of January, 2024.

6 LAW, LYMAN, DANIEL, KAMERRER
7 & BOGDANOVICH, P.S.
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CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that I filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the above Court and that I have and served the following party a copy of this document on the date below noted and address as follows via E-Mail and U.S. Mail:

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DATED this 16th day of January, 2024, at Tumwater, WA.



Tam Truong, Legal Assistant

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

[CLERK'S ACTION REQUIRED]

TO: THE CLERK OF THE COURT;

AND TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD AND THEIR COUNSEL.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, will please take notice that the appearance of Defendant
Wellpath LLC (erroneously identified as "Wellpath") is hereby entered in the above-entitled

1 action through the undersigned attorneys. This Notice of Appearance is entered without waiver
2 of any defenses, rights, or privileges.

3 You are hereby directed to serve all future pleadings or papers, except process, upon the
4 said attorneys at their office below stated. This Notice of Appearance does not authorize service
5 of pleadings or papers by facsimile or electronic email unless specifically agreed under specific
6 terms negotiated.

7 DATED this Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

8 FOX BALLARD PLLC

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10 By: 

11 Jonathan D. Ballard, WSBA #48870

12 Ross C. Taylor, WSBA #48111

13 Attorneys for Wellpath LLC
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE** to be served via the methods below on this Wednesday, January 24, 2024, on the following counsel/party of record:

Joseph Schodowski, WSBA # 42910 Schodowski Law, Inc, PS 210 Polk Street, Suite 8 Port Townsend, WA 98368 Ryan D. Dreveskracht, WSBA # 42593 Galanda Broadman, PLLC P.O. Box 15146 Seattle, WA 98115 <i>Attorneys for Plaintiff</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> via U.S. Mail, first class, postage <input type="checkbox"/> via Legal Messenger Hand Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> via Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> via E-Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via E-mail: joe@schodowskilaw.com ryan@galandabroadman.com
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Signed at Seattle, WA, on this Wednesday, January 24, 2024.



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NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF
REMOVAL TO THE UNITED
STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

[Clerk's Action Required]

TO: THE CLERK OF THE COURT

AND TO: ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), on January 25, 2024,
Defendant H.I.G. Capital, LLC ("H.I.G."), removed this matter to the United States District Court
of the Western District of Washington at Seattle. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Removal
to Federal Court is attached to this notice.

1 **PLEASE FURTHER TAKE NOTE THAT**, under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1446(a) and 1446(d), the
2 filing of the Notice of Removal to Federal Court in the United States District Court of the Western
3 District of Washington, together with the filing of a copy of the Notice of Removal to Federal
4 Court in this Court, results in removal of this action, and this Court may not proceed further with
5 the action unless and until the action is remanded.

6 DATED this 25th day of January 2024.

7 STOKES LAWRENCE, P.S.

8 By: /s/ Samantha K. Pitsch

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I hereby declare that I caused a copy of the foregoing to be:

☒ electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the Jefferson County E-Filing system.

☒ e-mailed and mailed by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
2 foregoing is true and correct.

3 EXECUTED at Seattle, Washington this 25th day of January 2024.

4 /s/ Madelyne Garcia
5 Madelyne Garcia, Practice Assistant
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